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PORT FACILITIES  
SIHANOUKVILLE, CAMBODIA  
1039N 10330E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT SIHANOUKVILLE PORT.

2. LOCATION:

THE PORT OF SIHANOUKVILLE IS LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF THE GULF OF SIAM MIDWAY BETWEEN THE BORDERS OF THAILAND AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE PORT OF SIHANOUKVILLE IS CAMBODIA'S ONLY DEEP WATER PORT. CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD- AND RAIL-SERVED FACILITY, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEASTERN SIDE OF THE BAIE DE KOMPONG SOM, BEGAN IN MAY OF 1956 WITH FRENCH AID AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1959. THE PORT WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR AN ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 200,000 TONS. BY MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING BERTHING SPACE AND A NEW LIGHTERAGE SYSTEM, THIS TONNAGE HAS BEEN SURPASSED AND THE PORT IS EXPECTED TO HANDLE 1.4 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY BY 1970, ASSUMING THE COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

THE DRAFT OF THE VESSELS WHICH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ALONGSIDE THE PIER VARIES FROM [ ] ON THE EAST SIDE TO [ ] ON THE WEST SIDE. ALONGSIDE BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONE LARGE OCEAN-GOING CARGO VESSEL, THREE STANDARD OCEAN-GOING CARGO VESSELS, AND FOUR LIGHTERS; A LARGE NUMBER OF

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ADDITIONAL VESSELS CAN BE ANCHORED OFFSHORE. THE ESTIMATED MILITARY PORT CAPACITY IS 2,700 LONG TONS OF GENERAL CARGO PER DAY.

4. MISSION READOUTS:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALS SIHANOUKVILLE PORT FACILITIES TO CONSIST OF AN IMPROVED NATURAL HARBOR, WITH PRINCIPAL WHARVES CONSISTING OF AN OFFSHORE PIER (935 X [REDACTED] AND A LIGHTERAGE QUAY. A BREAKWATER, APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET IN LENGTH, IS OBSERVED BETWEEN THE OFFSHORE PIER AND THE LIGHTERAGE QUAY. FACILITIES INCLUDE TWO LARGE AND FIVE SMALL WAREHOUSES AND AN OPEN STORAGE AREA. PILINGS FOR A POSSIBLE NEW BUILDING ARE OBSERVED. APPROXIMATELY FORTY CARGO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED. ONE FLOATING CRANE AND A POSSIBLE SUCTION DREDGE AND SHEARLEGS CRANE ARE NOTED IN THE AREA. ONE FREIGHTER, ONE MERCHANT VESSEL, SIX LIGHTERS, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT ARE IMAGED.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PIER (480 FEET IN LENGTH) AND A NEW JETTY (920 FEET IN LENGTH). ONE WAREHOUSE/STORAGE BUILDING APPEARS TO BE NEARING COMPLETION. FACILITIES INCLUDE TWO LARGE AND SIX SMALL WAREHOUSE/STORAGE BUILDINGS (ONE WITH ASSOCIATED CRANE) AND AN OPEN STORAGE AREA. NUMEROUS CARGO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED. A SUCTION DREDGE, POSITIONED EAST OF THE MAIN PIER, IS POSSIBLY SUPPLYING FILL MATERIAL FOR THE JETTY. ONE MERCHANT VESSEL, ONE COASTAL FREIGHTER, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT ARE OBSERVED.

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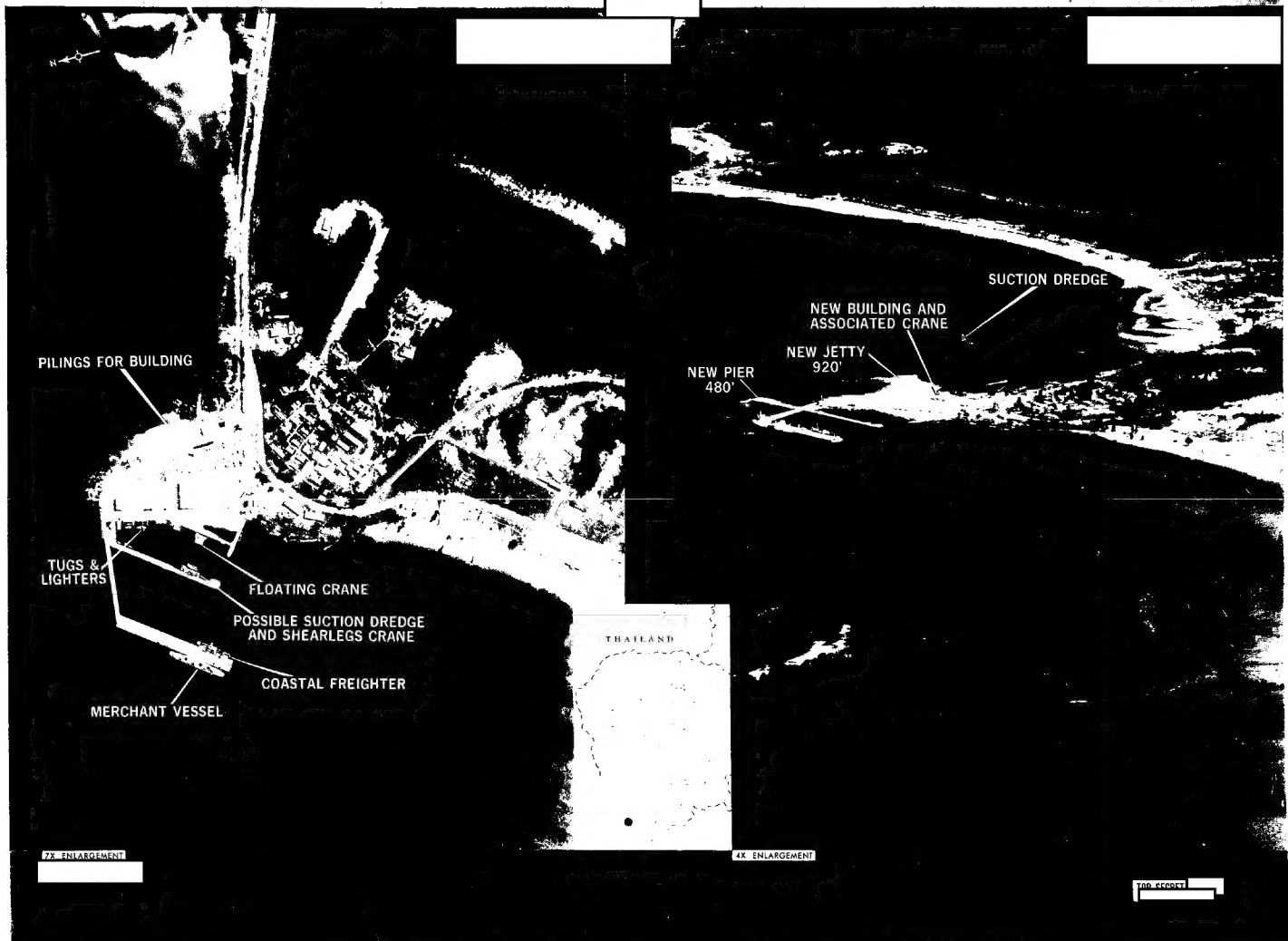
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